



25 May 2023
Newsletter



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Kia Ora

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PROGRAMME

In the last three weeks of this Term your child will be taking part in the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' personal safety programme. This programme has been designed to provide children with the skills to cope in situations that might involve abuse. It has three overall aims:

- To recognise unsafe behaviours
- To develop and strengthen skills children need to keep themselves safe
- To support and encourage children to get help from caring adults

Keeping Ourselves Safe has been developed by the New Zealand Police. It will be taught by your child's teacher, with help from a Police Education Officer as required.

To be successful, **Keeping Ourselves Safe** needs your help and support. Some homework activities will come home for you to work on with your child. It is important that you participate as much as possible, so that you can reinforce the messages children are getting and help your child use their new skills with confidence.

A Parent Information Session is being held on **Tuesday 30 May at 2pm**. If you would like to attend please email hollyh@brownsbay.school.nz or complete the online form at <https://forms.gle/jinF5jUucbhz7WAS8>.

We encourage you to view the programme online at:
<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping-1>.

SCHOOL POLICIES

Last year we transitioned our specific policies online to [schooldocs.co.nz](https://www.schooldocs.co.nz). This was to ensure our policies were accurate and met all legislation while ensuring our special character was evident in our policies and procedures. The link is also on our Browns Bay School website under [School Info / Policies](#).

To locate our school site on SchoolDocs enter the website address into your browser. The SchoolDocs page will open, click the green button "Search for your school" (highlighted), enter our school's name into the search.

The Username is **brownsbay** and the password is **bbs**.

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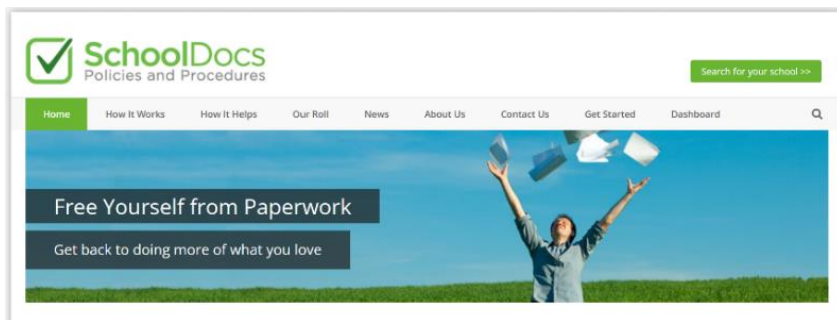
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Welcome

Sign in to SchoolDocs

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brownsbay

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SCHOOL VALUES: TRIMPER

At our next school assemblies, I will be re-introducing our students to TRIMPER. Trimper helps our students remember our school values:

T Taking
R Responsibility
I Inquiring
M Minds
P Personal
E Excellence
R Respect



Inquiring Minds / Whai Whaakaro	Taking Responsibility / Takohanga	Personal Excellence / Tu Rangatira	Respect / Manaakitanga
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore new ideas • Wonder and question • Experiment, reflect and create • Show critical, creative and innovative thinking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take ownership of your own behaviour, belongings and your learning environment • Make sensible choices • Challenge yourself to become independent • Work together co-operatively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be your best • Have a 'can do' attitude • Persevere to achieve your goals and challenges • Be resilient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat others how we would like to be treated • Care for others, ourselves and the environment • Acknowledge and value others points of view • Appreciate that people come from different cultures with different beliefs

PARENT MEETINGS

We have the following Meetings that parents are welcome to attend:

Board of Trustees	Thursday 25 May	6.30pm	Staffroom
NZ Education (Mandarin)	Monday 29 May	9am-11am	Room 34 (booking online)
FOTS	Monday 29 May	7pm	Staffroom
KOS Parents	Tuesday 30 May	2pm	Staffroom
Māori Whanau Hui	Tuesday 30 May	6pm	Te Whenua

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) - Our focus in our PB4L Lessons continues to be on wearing the correct school uniform with pride. This week we have seen a greater number of students wearing the correct additional layers, socks and tights. It's great to see. Our goal is for the whole school to be dressed in the correct uniform. Thank you for supporting your children to help us achieve this.

Next week our focus turns to jewellery, watches, and personal digital devices.

Jewellery Policy:

- Jewellery that has a special cultural or religious significance for the family can be worn at school.
- The wearing of jewellery such as dangling earrings, rings, bracelets and necklaces can be very dangerous, particularly during play activities **and these should not be worn to school.**
- Plain studs are preferred due to safety.
- On rare occasions students have to wear bracelets for medical reasons: on such occasions the parent/caregiver is asked to contact the Deputy Principal.

Watches, phones and smart devices:

A personal digital device is any privately owned digital device that is not part of our school Bring your own Device (BYOD) programme. This includes cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and other similar devices.

We do not recommend that students bring these personal digital devices to school. They are not necessary to have during the day. However, we understand that some parents like their children to have a device to communicate with them after school.

If a student does bring a personal digital device to school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices.
- The device should be kept turned off and out of sight.
- Devices must not be used at break times.
- Personal digital devices may not be taken on EOTC events.

If a parent needs to contact their child urgently during the day, please call the school office 09 479 4301.

Please note that Smart watches need to have their smart features disabled during school time.

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

A full schedule of events for Term 2 2023 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Thursday 25 May - BOT Meeting 6.30pm - Staffroom	Friday 26 May – Y1-3 Assembly - 9.45am - School Hall
Friday 26 May – Y4-6 Assembly – 11.30am - School Hall	Monday 29 May – Y4-6 Cross Country – Windsor Park
Monday 29 May - NZ Education (Mandarin) 9am R34	Monday 29 May – FOTS Meeting -7pm Staffroom
Tuesday 30 May – KOS Parents Meeting 2pm - Staffroom	Tuesday 30 May – Y3 Trip – Auckland Botanic Gardens
Tuesday 30 May – Maori Whanau Hui 6pm – Te Whenua	Wednesday 31 May – Hilton Brown Swimming
Thursday 01 June – Y4-6 Cross Country (Save Day)	Monday 05 June – King’s Birthday – School Closed
Tuesday 06 June – Road Patrol Training	Wednesday 07 June – Hilton Brown Swimming
Thursday 08 June – Rippa/Tackle Rugby – Windsor Park	Wednesday 14 June – Life at School Panel (Pre-schoolers) – 7pm – Murrays Bay Intermediate School

SCHOOL EVENTS

FOTS DISCO

NEON DISCO – Thank You!

It was great to see all the kids glowing in the dark on Friday night. The disco was a huge success and lots of fun. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered and helped out on the night!





YEAR 3 BEEKEEPING EXPERIENCE

Year 3 had the pleasure of welcoming a special guest to their assembly, Jasmina, a beekeeper! It was truly a fascinating and buzzing experience! Jasmina shared her extensive knowledge about the incredible world of bees. She provided them with a first-hand account of the intricate workings of a beehive and the vital role that bees play in our ecosystem. We learned about the different types of bees, their various roles within the hive, and how they collaborate to ensure the survival of their colony. They also learnt about the importance of bees as pollinators. Jasmina even brought in a Bee rack full of honey from one of her hives. It was an engaging talk, and we would once again like to thank Jasmina for giving up her time to share her knowledge with the students.

YEAR 4 CAMP RMS 31 & 32

In Week 2, Room 31 went to camp at MERC: Marine Education and Recreation Centre. We stayed there for one night. We did lots of activities including Rock climbing, climbing the Giants Ladder, surfing, exploring the Rocky Shore and more. In Term 2, the Year 4 students' term focus is on the Rocky Shore. We have explored lots of sea creatures. Room 31 saw lots of the sea creatures when we were exploring the Rocky Shore at Camp. Thank you, teachers, and parents for helping us. We really enjoyed it. **By Charlie Room 31**



Surf Skills

For Surf skills you could choose between surfing and boogie boarding. I chose surfing because I had never done it before. I got a big blue surfboard. It was way taller than me because I'm very tiny. It was harder than I thought it would be but I nearly stood up! My mum was really proud of me. I was proud because it was my first time of doing it. I thought I wouldn't but I did!

By Maeve Room 32



Giant's Ladder

My instructor for the Giant's ladder was Nate Dog. I felt brave to climb the Giant's ladder. I climbed to the top with my buddy Hilary.

By Timmy Room 32

My group went to the Giant's ladder and everybody had a helmet and a harness. We had a long rope connected to the harness so we didn't fall off. When we got to the top, we lifted our hands and feet off. I felt happy and excited.

By Hilary Room 32



Outdoor Survival

We first talked about surviving in the wild and what we had to pack. After that we split into 2 groups. We had to build tents and the first group to finish got to roast marshmallows. We sat around the fire which was in a very large pot. We each had a turn using flint and steel to light the paper on fire to roast our marshmallows. **By Andy Room 32**





SCHOOL NOTICES

ART – WOOL NEEDED FOR YEAR 6 WOOL DRIVE

Our Year 6 group has an upcoming Art Project this term that utilizes wool. We are looking for donations of balls of wool in a variety of colours. If you can support our 'Wool Drive' please deliver the donations to the box in Year 6 Te Ngahere floor (upstairs) in the MLE Maker Space, a box at the Main Office (Student Entry access) or contact raewynm@brownsbay.school.nz to make alternative arrangements. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. Year 6 Staff and Students.



PRE SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Midbays Kahui Ako are pleased to announce their first 'Life at School' event on **14 June at 7-8.30pm**, being held at **Murrays Bay Intermediate School**. After last year's inaugural event being so popular, they will run two events this year, focusing on providing information for new parents whose children will be starting school soon. Please see the flyer. You are all welcome to attend. Please register at midbays.com.

The Information evening will have a Panel made up of teachers responsible for the Junior classes from our Mid Bays Kahui Ako Primary Schools.

The Panel will answer questions gathered from the audience. It is an informal evening that we hope will answer questions from Pre-school parents.

AFTER SCHOOL 3.30PM BELL REMINDER

The 3.30pm bell is a reminder to parents/caregivers to leave the school grounds:



- There are no toilet facilities available after 3pm.
- It can be very noisy for teachers trying to have after school meetings etc.

LIFE AT SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

HOSTED BY MIDBAYS KAHUI AKO

WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2023

7:00PM TO 8:30PM

MURRAY'S BAY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

An event that will support parenting to know what to expect when their child is transitioning to school. A panel of teachers and Deputy Principals will provide information and answers to your questions. Information on each Primary School in your area will also be available.

**REGISTER ATTENDANCE AT
MIDBAYS.COM**



FLIPPA BALL - Players required

Our Year 5/6 Flippa Ball team is looking for one or two players for their team for the rest of this term.
They play and train at the AUT Millennium pool.
Trainings are on Saturdays at 2.30pm for an hour.
Games are played on Sunday afternoons.
Children must be strong swimmers.



Any Year 5 or 6 children interested in playing Flippa Ball (Junior Water polo) for the rest of this term please email sports@brownsbay.school.nz.

SEMESTER 2 SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

In the next couple of weeks, we will be requesting Semester 2 (Terms 3&4) sports registrations for the following sports:

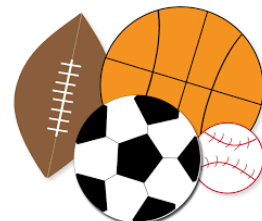
Year 3/4 Miniball (Basketball for Years 3 and 4) played at ECB Leisure Centre

Year 5/6 Basketball played at ECB Leisure Centre

Year 4 – 6 Flippa Ball (Junior Water polo) played at AUT Millennium pool

An email will be sent home to the Year groups once registrations are open.

Keep a watch on our school website for updated information.



TRAFFIC

I would like to remind parents about safe driving around the school at drop off and pick up times.

Browns Bay Road

- 40 km per hour speed limit
- Respect the NO parking lines, our neighbour's driveways and the Bus Stops
- Respect the Crossing Barriers



Masterton Road

- 40 km per hour speed limit
- Respect the NO parking lines and our neighbour's driveways
- Respect the Crossing Barriers
- Drop Off Bay - just drop the children off and please stay in the car
- No U turns – just go around the block onto Hyde Road and then Browns Bay Road

Please note that the Community Police Officer will be doing random patrols and we also have an option to advise the Police of cars breaking the Road Rules.

FOTS – Friends of the School



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For the latest Browns Bay School & F.O.T.S news, events and fundraisers,

find us and like us:

Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School

ROTARY RAFFLE TICKETS

FOTS is selling raffle tickets on behalf of the Albany Rotary club, with half the profits being donated to the school. Tickets are \$5 and are available online via Kindo.

1. Jetsetter 3 person Spa - \$30,000
2. DeWalt Pressure Washer - \$1200
3. 6 month gym membership + Rebel voucher - \$620
4. DeWalt Safe and Hunting and Fishing Voucher - \$300

FUNDING AVAILABLE!



FOTS is inviting applications for the 2023 Discretionary Fund. If you are a staff member, coach or helper and require funding for a small school project or activity, please download an application form here:

<https://tinyurl.com/DFTerm22023>

Applications must be submitted to Jacky Carr by 3pm on Friday 16 June. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of Term 2, and allocated funding must be used in Term 3.

For further information, please contact Jacky Carr: jackyc@brownsbay.school.nz or the FOTS Discretionary Fund sub-committee: fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz

CONTACT FOTS

If you'd like to subscribe to our volunteer's mailing list, or if you wish to learn more please email fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz, or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School

Please come along to our next monthly meeting **Monday 29 May at 7pm** in the staff room. All are welcome.

FACEBOOK

Did you know we share a Facebook page with Browns Bay School? For news, photos, updates and event information, search www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Off by heart knowledge is what counts!

Build your child's knowledge with Thinking Caps Tutoring

In-School / After School / Virtual lessons Year 3-6

When you have a solid foundation, confidence follows!

www.thinkingcaps.co.nz

A photograph of two young boys standing next to a whiteboard. The boy in the foreground is wearing a red Champion t-shirt and is smiling. The boy behind him is also smiling. The whiteboard has some math problems written on it, including '594 + 89' and '54 + 89'.

The KidsLink logo, which is a circular graphic with 'SERVICES' on the left, 'SCHOOLS' on the top, and 'FAMILIES' on the bottom. In the center, it says 'KidsLink Creating Connections'.

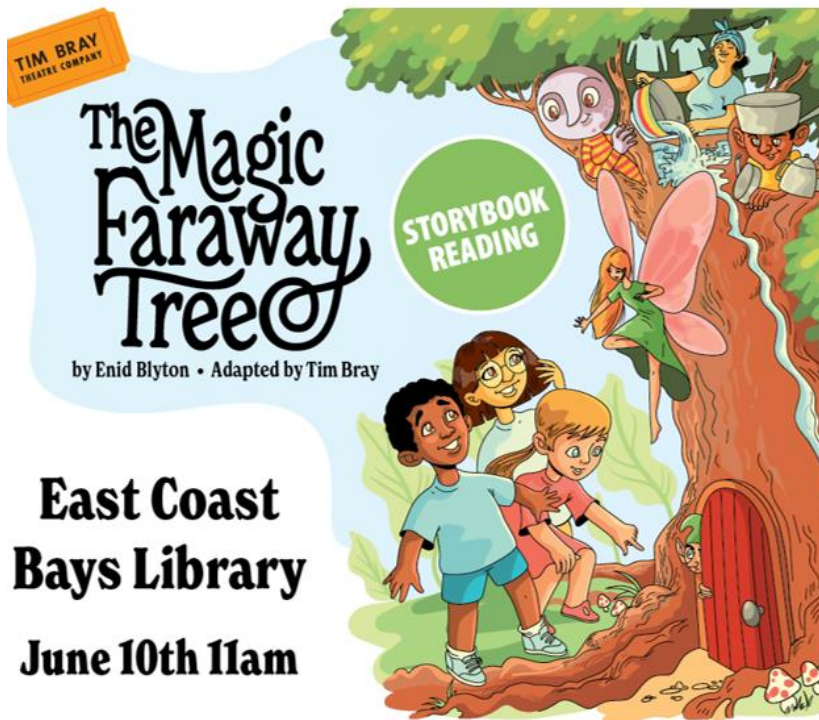
KidsLink is the starting point for parents...

Learning Behaviour Extra Curricular Physical Needs Under 5's Well-Being

A photograph of a group of diverse children smiling and posing together.

It connects you to a range of trusted services who specifically work with kids & teens

visit: kidslink.co.nz



**East Coast
Bays Library**
June 10th 11am

Magic Faraway Tree Storytime

Saturday 10 June 11am

East Coast Bays Library

Come and hear tales from this family favourite, by Enid Blyton presented by actors from Tim Bray Theatre Company, then colour in to enter the competition for a pass to see the live show at the PumpHouse Theatre.

aucklandlibraries.govt.nz



A Student-Run Event Organised by Rangitoto College Art Club

CRAFT YOUR SEASONS

PRIMARY SCHOOL ART WORKSHOP

1-4PM

7TH & 14TH OF JULY

RANGITOTO COLLEGE

\$5/person (cash/bank transfer)

See the beauty of seasons through crafting snowflakes, leaf printing, simple dioramas and many more!

CONTACT US:
RANGI.ARTCLUB@GMAIL.COM